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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is responsive to communication received 06/08/2007 –
Amendment.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 06/08/2007 is not fully responsive (see 37 CFR §1.111) to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

1. While no action on the merits of the case has been conducted since receipt of the 06/08/2007, a cursory review of the claims indicates that a discrepancy exists in new claim 7. In the preamble, new claim 7 refers back to the “golf club shaft of claim 5”. Claim 5 is directed to a golf putter. It is assumed that claim 7 should have referred back to the --golf club putter of claim 5--. However, with the further existence of claims 17-21, which in fact are drawn to a golf club shaft, there may be some confusion as to which previous claim or invention claim 7 is actually supposed to refer back to. Thus, applicant's diligence in clarifying the dependence of claim 7 is respectfully requested.

2. It would appear that the amendment adds claims directed to an invention distinct from and independent of the invention previously claimed. Applicant's attention is drawn to MPEP §819 and §821.03. If the amendment were to be entered, the claims would be restricted as outlined herein below, with the applicant being required to restrict the claims to the invention previously claimed.

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Specifically, this application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Group I, claim(s) 5-16 and 22-27, drawn to a golf putter.

Group II, claim(s) 17-21, drawn to a golf club shaft.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The Group I set of claims, specifically independent claims 5 and 22, do not include the corresponding technical features of the shaft as specifically required by independent claim 17. More specifically, independent claims 5 and 22 do not require that the mass of the shaft divided by the length of the shaft is at least one hundred and seventy grams per meter of shaft in a shaft which is up to one meter long and at least one hundred and ninety grams per meter of shaft in a shaft which is longer than one meter.

IN SUMMARY:

1. The confusion over the dependency of newly added claim 7 needs to be clarified.
2. The applicant must address claims 17-21, drawn to what would appear to be another invention, different from the invention that has already received an action on the merits. The applicant may amend or cancel these claims.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever

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is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sebastiano Passaniti whose telephone number is 571-272-4413. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (6:30AM - 3:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eugene L. Kim can be reached on 571-272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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